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Applicant(s): DOUGLAS P. BROWN ET AL.
Serial No.: 09/977,038
Filing Date: October 12, 2001
Title: INDEX SELECTION IN A DATABASE SYSTEM

1. Amendment Transmittal (in duplicate);
2. Reply to Office Action Mailed December 1, 2005 (with attached Encarta definitions for "system").

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Invention: Index Selection in a Database System

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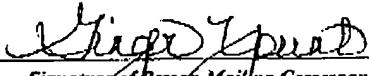
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In response to the Office Action of December 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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